

HOME HAPPENINGS

—The shortest days of the year are with us.

—Season for public sales is nearing a close.

—The Dispatch wishes you and yours a very Merry Christmas.

—Remember the less fortunate than yourself at the joyous holiday time.

—The number of natural gas consumers in the village is rapidly increasing.

—It has been a pleasure the past week to add many new names to the Dispatch list.

—Much fine lumber is being hauled to Canfield from west and north of town for shipment to Cleveland.

—The board of county fair managers met here last Saturday and closed up the business of the past year.

—Hear Charles R. Taggart, entertainer, Saturday evening. He will give the third number of the college lecture course.

—Last Saturday evening Miss Ruth Weikart entertained a number of friends at a six o'clock dinner in honor of her sixteenth birthday anniversary.

—The Salvation Army wagon from Youngstown was here Tuesday and went back loaded with articles which will bring Christmas cheer to many poor people.

—A number of Canfield Odd Fellows attended the meeting of Youngstown Encampment Monday night and remained for the banquet which followed lodge work.

—Druggist Morris reports the demand for Red Cross seals much greater than last year. People realize more than ever what a good cause they are helping along.

—During the holiday season the Dispatch has printed more extra page newspapers than other county papers in this quarter of the state. And Canfield is not a pretentious town, either.

—Unless the macadam road between Canfield and Youngstown is soon repaired a part of it will be hard to find by spring. Deep holes are cut in many places and the going is rough.

—Farmers' institute in Canfield Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 30 and 31. The state speakers will be Messrs. Baldwin and Housekeeper. A fine program is being prepared for the two days.

—C. E. Clay of this township, who is recovering from a serious illness, and his wife were given a post-card shower by friends Monday in honor of their birthday, both having been born on December 16.

—The Y. W. C. A., which is raising a fund to fix up quarters in the college building, is succeeding nicely and it is hoped \$75 will be subscribed this week so that the work may be done during the holiday vacation.

—One day recently while Frank Ogline, formerly of Canfield, was working at a new machine at Gary, Ind., an assistant unexpectedly turned on the power and the ends of two fingers of Mr. Ogline's left hand were cut off.

—A stated communication of Argus Lodge, No. 545, F. & A. M., will be held this (Friday) evening when officers for the ensuing year will be installed. There will also be work in the M. M. degree and refreshments will be served.

—A spark from a chimney set fire to the roof of Frank Tow's residence on East Main street last Sunday and when discovered by a passerby the flames were shooting high in the air. Fortunately there was plenty of help near and the blaze was extinguished, but not until after considerable damage had been done.

—There has been fine skating the past week and the boys and girls made the most of it. The Altimo Culture Co. has had gas lights placed around the lake from which it draws its water supply, and provided a cottage in which is a gas fire where skaters can warm their toes. A fee of 10c is charged for the service.

—Local talent will present "The Village Postoffice" in college chapel Tuesday evening, Dec. 31, for the benefit of the Normal. The cast includes the cleverest artists in town and the play will be presented with a dash and vim that cannot fail to make it pleasing. Make your plans to attend. It will be an evening of real pleasure.

—Harry Donaldson, foreman for the Altimo Gas Co., had his large boiler brought here from Homeworth the other day and it will be used at the well to be drilled on C. R. Wetmore's farm south of the village. It is the intention of the company to drill quite a number of wells during the winter to make certain of being able to meet all demands for gas.

—Mrs. Mary Costello, an aged inmate of the county infirmary, smoked one day last week while alone in her room, as had long been her custom. Fire fell from the pipe into her lap and in an instant her clothing was ablaze. Suffering from paralysis she was unable to help herself and before other inmates could extinguish the fire she was so badly burned that death resulted.

—Frank Couden died Dec. 9 at his home in Palo Alto, Cal., after a short illness, aged nearly 83 years. He was a son of the late John Couden of Canfield, and was born in Youngstown in January, 1830. He went from Ohio to California when a young man and for many years was engaged in gold mining near Seale. He located in Palo Alto twenty years ago and had since lived a retired life. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Mary Hole of Canfield, and one sister, Mrs. Emeline Truesdale, of Palo Alto. Mrs. C. C. Fowler of Canfield is a niece.

—In renewing his subscription Rev. W. S. Rowe, pastor of the Wade Avenue M. E. Church, Cleveland, former pastor of the Canfield Methodist church writes: "Enclosed send one dollar check for the 'Dispatch.' We enjoy hearing from our Canfield friends through this weekly messenger and beg to express our hearty greetings to them as well as to the Dispatch. We have a large city church here and enjoy the work, but we believe in the sentiment of the song, 'Make new friends but keep the old, these are silver, they are true.'"

—Same to you, and many of them.

—Loosen up there, Bill, and buy her something worth while.

—Evidence Thursday morning that winter is here, promise of sleighing and a chance for snuggling.

—Better be over gay than exhibit one of those sad, pinched mugs that gives every one who takes a look the blues.

—A largely attended and enthusiastic meeting of Dublin Grange was held Tuesday night. The membership is rapidly increasing.

—The Canfield public schools holiday vacation begins this afternoon and continues until Monday, Dec. 30. School will close New Year's day.

—The local postoffice has been supplied with the necessary stamps, tags and other equipment necessary to inaugurate the parcels post system Jan. 1.

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—A most enjoyable Masonic social was held last Friday night in Argus hall, more than one hundred members of the order and their families being present. There was a pleasing musical and literary program, games and a social good time. Excellent refreshments were served. It is planned to hold a social every month during the winter. Among those present from out of town were Dr. and Mrs. S. G. Patton and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kirk of North Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hawkins of Berlin Center, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Eckis of Milton, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Corli of Cornersburg, Rev. and Mrs. M. G. Jerrow and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Allen of Ellsworth, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Calvin and two daughters and C. J. Rollier of Locust Grove.

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